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# Documents - Commission of O.O. Howard as Brigadier General, May 1865

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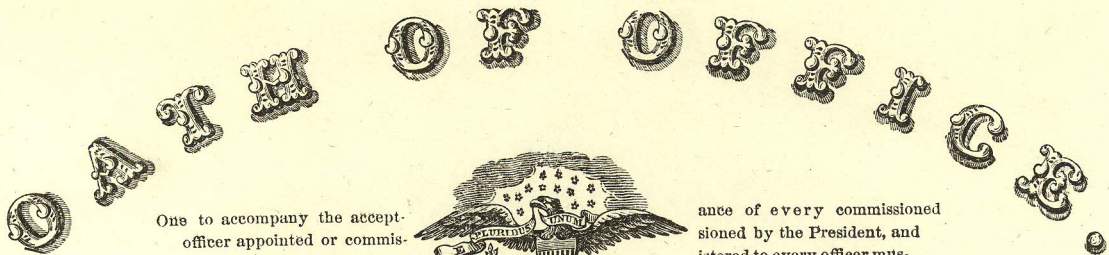
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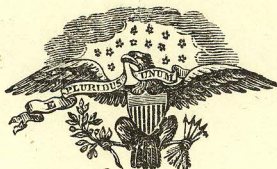
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One to accompany the accept-  
officer appointed or commis-  
the oath itself to be admin-  
tered into the service



ance of every commissioned  
sioned by the President, and  
istered to every officer mus-  
of the United States.

*S. Oliver O Howard*, having been appointed  
a *Brigadier General* in the **MILITARY**  
**SERVICE** of the United States, do solemnly swear that I have  
never voluntarily **BORNE ARMS** against the United States since I  
have been a citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily given no **AID**,  
**COUNTENANCE**, **COUNSEL**, or **ENCOURAGEMENT** to persons engaged in **ARMED HOSTILITY**  
thereto; that I have neither sought, nor accepted, nor attempted  
to exercise the functions of **ANY OFFICE WHATEVER**, under any  
authority, or pretended authority, in **HOSTILITY** to the United States;  
that I have not yielded a voluntary **SUPPORT** to any **PRETENDED**  
**GOVERNMENT**, **AUTHORITY**, **POWER**, or **CONSTITUTION** within the United States,  
**HOSTILE** or **INIMICAL** thereto. And I do further swear that, to  
the best of my knowledge and ability, I will **SUPPORT** and **DEFEND**  
the **CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES** against all enemies, **FOREIGN** and  
**DOMESTIC**; that I will bear true **FAITH** and **ALLEGIANCE** to the same;  
that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or  
purpose of evasion; and that I will **WELL** and **FAITHFULLY** discharge the  
**DUTIES** of the **OFFICE** on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at *Washington DC*  
this *22<sup>d</sup>* day of *May*, 1865.

*Major + Judge Advocate*

Washington D.C.  
May 22, 1865  
Brig Gen<sup>l</sup> L. Thomas  
Adjutant General U.S.A.

General I have the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of Commission as Brigadier General  
U.S.A. to rank from 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 1864  
and to acknowledge my acceptance thereof.

I am Thirty five years of age  
and my place of residence when appointed was  
Augusta Maine. Maine is the state of my  
nativity

Enclosed please find Oath of Office  
duly signed & sworn to.

Very Respectfully  
Your Obedt Servant

O.O. Howson  
Brig Genl U.S.A.  
Major Genl U.S.A.



Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1865.

Sir:

I forward herewith your commission of

Brigadier General,

your receipt and acceptance of which you will please acknowledge without delay, reporting at the same time your age and residence when appointed, the State where born, and your full name, correctly written. Fill up, subscribe, and return as soon as possible, the accompanying oath, duly and carefully executed.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. F. Chaffin.

Maj. Adjutant General.  
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Brigadier General Oliver O. Howard,

U. S. Army.

Confidg Army of the Tennessee.

May 10, 1865.